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SUBJECT: US-UK BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN AFRICA

1. IN CONSULTATION WITH BRITISH EMBASSY HERE, WE HAVE
AGREED TO RESCHEDULE THE US-UK BILATERALS FOR MAY 2-3. IF
BRITISH AGREEABLE, WE WOULD GREATLY PREFER TO HOLD TALKS IN
WASHINGTON.

2. WE ARE BASICALLY PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH AGENDA WE HAD
WORKED OUT FOR THE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14-15.
HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD ITEM ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS FOR AFRICA, INCLUDING GISCARD FUND, ON WHICH WE
WOULD PLAN TO TAKE THE LEAD. SINCE THIS WOULD MAKE FOR AN
EXCESSIVELY LONG AGENDA OF ELEVEN ITEMS FOR DAY AND HALF
CONFERENCE, WE SUGGEST THAT WE DROP EITHER ITEM ON GHANA
OR ON CHAD, OR BOTH. REQUEST UK VIEWS.

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3. PLEASE LET US KNOW IN DUE COURSE WHO WILL PARTICIPATE
ON THE BRITISH SIDE.

4. ON ASSUMPTION THAT RAY SEITZ WOULD STILL WISH TO
PARTICIPATE IN TALKS HERE, WE PROVIDE FOLLOWING FISCAL
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